

TABLE 2.10: HOLIDAY CRASHES BY TYPE AND RATE, 2006

HOLIDAY	HOURS	CRASH TYPE									TOTAL		
		FATAL			INJURY			PROPERTY					
		N	%	RATE*	N	%	RATE*	N	%	RATE*	NUMBER	PERCENT	RATE*
New Year's	30	0	0.0%	0.00	12	30.8%	9.60	27	69.2%	21.60	39	100%	31.20
Washington's Birthday (observed)	24	1	3.2%	1.00	6	19.4%	6.00	24	77.4%	24.00	31	100%	31.00
St. Patrick's Day	24	0	0.0%	0.00	2	5.7%	2.00	33	94.3%	33.00	35	100%	35.00
Easter	54	0	0.0%	0.00	19	32.2%	8.44	40	67.8%	17.78	59	100%	26.22
Memorial Day	78	1	1.1%	0.31	21	23.1%	6.46	69	75.8%	21.23	91	100%	28.00
July 4	78	0	0.0%	0.00	34	31.2%	10.46	75	68.8%	23.08	109	100%	33.54
Labor Day	78	0	0.0%	0.00	24	32.4%	7.38	50	67.6%	15.38	74	100%	22.77
Halloween	24	0	0.0%	0.00	8	22.2%	8.00	28	77.8%	28.00	36	100%	36.00
Thanksgiving	120	0	0.0%	0.00	29	16.6%	5.80	146	83.4%	29.20	175	100%	35.00
Christmas	78	0	0.0%	0.00	12	13.8%	3.69	75	86.2%	23.08	87	100%	26.77
Average per holiday		0											
Holiday Total	588	2	0.3%	0.08	167	22.7%	6.82	567	77.0%	23.14	736	100%	30.04
Year Total	8,784	77	0.5%	0.21	3,048	20.9%	8.35	11,424	78.5%	31.30	14,549	100%	39.75
Note: Duration of the holiday period varies by year, holiday, and day of the week.													
Holiday rates are often affected by weather conditions within the time period, which are not reflected in this table.													
New Year's includes 24 hours at the beginning of the calendar year and 6 hours at the end of the calendar year.													
* Rate per 24-hour period.													

The 2006 average crash rate (30.04) during holiday periods was lower than the yearlong (39.75) but nearly the same as the 2005 holiday crash rate (30.57). Crash rates during Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, and Thanksgiving were the highest of holidays. The holiday fatal crash rate for 2006 (.08) a decrease from 2005 levels(.12), the injury holiday rate (6.82) was a slight increase from 2005 (6.57). The property crash rate (23.14) during holidays decreased slightly from the level found in 2005 (23.88).